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CC Docket No. 00-199 – 2000 Biennial Review – Comprehensive Review of
Accounting Requirements

On January 18, 2002, Ms. Mary L. Henze, Executive Director, BellSouth Corporation filed a letter with the Commission requesting that the effective date of rule changes affecting the Part 32 chart of accounts be modified to allow these changes to be implemented on January 1, 2003.¹ Ms. Henze requested this change on behalf of Verizon, SBC, BellSouth and Qwest. This letter confirms that Qwest supports this position and joins in BellSouth's request. All other rule changes adopted in the Commission's *Order*² in the above-captioned proceeding including affiliated interest rule changes should take effect as ordered.

This *ex parte* is being filed today via the Commission's ECFS system. Please include it in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding as required under Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

/s/

R. William Johnston

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¹ Letter to Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, FCC, from Ms. Mary L. Henze, BellSouth Corporation, dated Jan. 18, 2002.

² *In the Matter of 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review – Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers: Phase 2, Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 00-199, 97-212, and 80-286, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 00-199, 00-301, and 80-286*, FCC 01-305, rel. Nov. 5, 2001.